

ABSTRACT**MACHINE FOR THE PREPARATION OF BEVERAGES**

5 A closure mechanism for a beverage preparation machine
comprising a fixed lower part and an upper part rotatable
relative to the lower part, the upper part being moveable
from an open position, in which the upper part is disengaged
from the lower part, and a closed position, in which the
10 upper part is engaged with the lower part, the closure
mechanism further comprising a clamping lever operable to
retain the upper part in the closed position, wherein the
clamping lever comprises a first member being pivotably
connected at a first pivot to the upper part and a second
15 member having a first end pivotable about a second pivot, an
end of the first member and a second end of the second
member being pivotably connected together at a third pivot
such that the clamping lever has first and second positions
of stability, wherein on operation of the clamping lever to
20 move the upper part from the open position to the closed
position the clamping lever moves from the first to the
second position of stability.